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MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION BRIEFING JULY 17-18, 2008 MEETING **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Law and Justice Interim Committee

- Future meeting dates: July 24-25 and September 15, 2008
- Potential legislation:
 - Mental health services
 - Juvenile detention issues
- Agency legislation due to the committee before July meeting

Legislative Finance Committee

- Future meeting dates: October 9-10, and November 18
- Agency performance reports due in October

61st Legislative Session begins January 5, 2009

- Governor's budget due to legislature in November 2008
- Agency budgets sent to OBPP in May 2008 and should be finalized in September 2008